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SUBJECT: ECOSOC SPECIAL SESSION: PAKISTAN FLOOD

1. ECOSOC PRESIDENT FRAZAO TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR FERGUSON SEPTEMBER 12 TO INFORM HIM OF A REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN TO CONVENE A SPECIAL SESSION OF ECOSOC TO DEAL WITH MEASURES TO BE TAKEN SUBSEQUENT TO DISASTER CREATED BY FLOODS IN THAT COUNTRY. FRAZAO EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS SOLICITING THE APPROVAL OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL AND SELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS. FRAZAO FURTHER INDICATED THAT HE PLANNED TO LIMIT THE SPECIAL SESSION TO ONE DAY BY REQUESTING THAT INTERVENTIONS BE LIMITED TO ONE REPRESENTATIVE PER REGIONAL GROUP. IT IS PLANNED THAT THE SESSION WOULD END WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE USUAL TYPE OF RESOLUTION.

2. THE UN SECRETARIAT INFORMED THE MISSION, SEPTEMBER 12 P.M. THAT THE SPECIAL SESSION WILL BE CONVENED AT 11 A.M. MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 AND THAT DOCUMENTATION IN THE FORM OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN, FRAZAO AND THE SYG WILL BE AVAILABLE

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AT THE SESSION.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED NOT HAVING A SPECIAL SESSION TO DEAL WITH THIS MATTER, THE MOMENTUM FAVORING IT PROVED TO BE IRRESISTIBLE. WE WILL, AT SOME APPROPRIATE TIME, MAKE OUR POSITION CLEAR THAT WE FEEL THAT DISASTERS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH THROUGH ESTABLISHED CHANNELS. AS THE DEPARTMENT WILL WELL APPRECIATE THIS IS A POSITION WHICH IS DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN THAT THE TIME A DISASTER IS TAKING PLACE AND WE DID NOT, FOR THAT REASON, FEEL THAT WE COULD OPPOSE THE PAKISTANI'S REQUEST MORE FIRMLY. END COMMENT.
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